Family courts in Delhi

*676. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up family courts in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the centres where such courts would be set up in Delhi;

(d) whether land has been allotted for the purpose and construction started for building of the courts; and

(e) the types of cases that would be entrusted to the family courts and the benefits derived out of this set up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

It was proposed to set up 15 family courts in the NCT of Delhi. The Government of India has already sanctioned 15 posts of Judges along with 202 ancillary posts of various categories for this purpose.

(c) The family courts are likely to be set up at the following centres:

(i) 1, Kirpa Narain Marg, Delhi;

(ii) 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi;

(iii) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi;

(iv) Saket, M.B. Road, New Delhi;

(v) Janakpuri Institutional Area, New Delhi;

(vi) Vishwas Nagar Institutional Area, Shahadara, Delhi; and

(vii) Dheerpur, Delhi.

(d) Out of the above seven locations, the possession in respect of the premises located at 1, Kirpa Narain Marg, Delhi has been given to the judiciary, whereas construction in respect of the location at 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi is at an advanced stage. The remaining five locations have been approved by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, but the construction of buildings has not yet started. Necessary steps are being taken by the Government of NCT of Delhi to take possession of the plots/land expeditiously.

(e) Cases relating to marriage and family affairs and matters connected therewith shall be entrusted to the family courts. The benefits of this set up include speedy and inexpensive settlement of disputes relating to matrimonial and family affairs in an informal atmosphere.

Upgradation of Technology in DD and AIR

*677. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the major initiatives proposed to be taken by her Ministry with regard to upgradation of technology in DD and AIR in the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the target fixed for coverage of FM Radio Service in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Technology initiatives envisaged in the Tenth Five Year Plan for AIR include Internet Broadcasting Digital Broadcasting in Terrestrial/Satellite mode, expansion of FM transmission network, conversion of existing analogue production and delivery systems to digital mode in order to provide superior quality programmes to listeners and to further improve the coverage area. For Doordarshan, these include TV coverage for uncovered areas through transmission in Ku-Band, Digital Terrestrial Transmission, digitalization of production facilities and automated operation of studios and transmitters.

(b) All India Radio proposes to cover 60% of population through FM Radio Service by the end of the Tenth Plan.

Non-lapsable pool

*678. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the background of forming the non-lapsable pool of resources, total amount accrued in the non-lapsable pool of resources since its inception, criteria fixed for disbursement of fund and amount disbursed till March, 2002, State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Assam has proposed for funding the implementing agency directly for implementation of State roads as is the practice for National Highways;